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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re-application of : **Confirmation No. 9868**  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 3, 2003, reconsideration and further examination are requested.